

IN THE CLAIMS:

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Please CANCEL without prejudice or disclaimer claims 1-10 in the underlying PCT application. Please also cancel, without prejudice or disclaimer claims 1-10 in the annex to the International Preliminary Examination Report (IPER), and ADD new claims 11-20 in accordance with the following:

claims 1-10 (canceled)

11. (new) A device, comprising:

a speech recognition unit recognizing a designation of a user language of the device to be set, from among designations of settable user languages of the device that can be recognized by said speech recognition unit, each designation of each settable user language being in the settable user language; and

a language setting unit setting a user interface language of the device to the user language recognized by said speech recognition unit.

12. (new) A device according to claim 11, wherein said speech recognition unit has a single-word recognizer.

13. (new) A device according to claim 11, wherein said speech recognition unit has a phoneme-based recognizer.

14. (new) A device according to claim 13, wherein said speech recognition unit uses a multilingual Hidden Markov Model.

15. (new) A device according to claim 13, wherein said speech recognition unit uses a combined Hidden Markov Model which contains phoneme sequences from the settable user languages.

16. (new) A device according to claim 15, wherein in the combined Hidden Markov Model, degrees of match for phoneme sequences from the settable user languages are scaled.

17. (new) A device according to claim 13, wherein said speech recognition unit uses a language-specific Hidden Markov Model, having a language-specific phoneme set, in which the phonemes for the designations of the settable user languages are modeled using the language-specific phoneme set of the language-specific Hidden Markov Model.

18. (new) A device according to claim 17, wherein the device is a mobile terminal.

19. (new) A device according to claim 17, further comprising an output unit outputting a request to speak the designation of the user language to be set.

20. (new) A method for setting a user language of a device, comprising:
recognizing, by speech recognition in the device, a designation of a user language spoken in the user language from among designations of settable user languages that can be recognized in the settable user languages by the device; and
setting the user language, obtained by said recognizing, as a user interface language of the device.